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Dear Mr. Pai;

Removing Net Neutrality's Title II designation for Internet Service Providers will invoke losses and a lack of confidence in the communication infrastructure for business. Title II, among other provisions, ensures that service providers are held accountable for downtime associated with failing equipment or simply a lack of proper network administrative procedures.

Title II's mandate for reliable Internet service is especially important for most areas of the United States served by either a monopoly or duopoly in a given area. The Internet itself is relied on as a critical business system and thus should be regarded appropriately.

Second, deregulation will certainly raise costs for the consumer as the ISP now has the ability to charge content providers differing rates based on their content. A major ISP could, for example, charge YouTube a premium for carrying YouTube's Internet traffic. The problem with this transaction model carries two items of immediate concern:

- Competition is reduced as an ISP may charge one content provider less than another, therefore ostensibly choosing winners and losers in the marketplace
- Innovation is stifled because young companies suffer insurmountable barriers to entry, i.e. higher traffic costs

Finally, critical to an open society (or at least coming as close as possible) is an open information exchange. Please **do not enact the provisions in WC DOCKET No. 17-108**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'D. Cooper Stevenson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

D. Cooper Stevenson